

REMARKS

The Preliminary Amendment provided herewith is presented in order to insert the Sequence Listing as required pursuant to 37 CFR §1.821(f) and §1.825(a). This amendment is accompanied by a paper copy of the Sequence Listing and a request to use the last-filed computer diskette containing sequences identical to those contained in the paper copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form that was submitted in parent application 09/247,886, filed February 10, 1999. This amendment introduces no new matter beyond the content of the application as filed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for examination, and solicit such action at an early date. If there is any question that could be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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